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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES NMGS COOPERATION IN SUPPLYING  
DATA REQUESTED, AND NMFS PATIENCE IN AWAITING REPLIES  
TO REFTELS B AND C. EMBASSY DELAYED REPLY BECAUSE  
GPRM WAS PREPARING STUDY WHICH WAS TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION  
ON FISHING INDUSTRY IN MOZAMBIQUE AND DATA ON FISH  
LANDINGS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. REPORT WAS  
FINALLY PUBLISHED, AND EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY AND  
IS PREPARING TRANSLATION WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY.

2. REPLY TO REFTEL B:

A. SOVIET VESSEL WHICH VISITED MOZAMBIQUE IN FEBRUARY  
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WAS THE "PROFESSOR MESIATSEV," WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY  
UNDP.

B. SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH ARRIVED MAPUTO SEPTEMBER 27,  
1976, WAS HEADED BY VIATCHESLAV IVANOVITCH, VICE PRESI-  
DENT OF THE JOINT FISHING COMMISSION. NAMES OF OTHER  
THREE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION NOT GIVEN, BUT MEMBERS WERE

DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS "ONE BELONGING TO THE (USSR) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ONE FROM THE STATE FISHING COMPANY, AND ONE FROM THE PROTOCOL SERVICE." DELEGATION SIGNED FISHING PROTOCOL WITH GPRM ON OCTOBER 11, 1976. PROTOCOL WAS NOT A NEW AGREEMENT BUT MERELY FORMALIZED PART OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION SIGNED IN FEBRUARY 1976. COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE. PRESS CLIPPINGS THIS VISIT WILL BE POUCHED TO NMFS.

C. LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH GDR IN MAY 1976 WHICH INCLUDES COOPERATION IN FISHING. ACCORDING TO PRESS, UNDER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT GDR IS ASSISTING GPRM IN ESTABLISHING FISHING CO-OPERATIVES, BUT NO USEFUL DETAILS HAVE BEEN GIVEN. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO GDR OR OTHER FISHING RESEARCH VESSELS HAVE VISITED EXCEPT THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE AND IN REFTEL B.

D. GPRM DECREE EXTENDING FISHING LIMITS (AND TERRITORIAL WATERS) TO 200 MILES WAS PUBLISHED AUGUST 19, 1976.

3. REPLY TO REFTEL C:

A. FIRST TWO SHRIMP VESSELS BUILT IN BRAZIL FOR MOZAMBIQUE WERE NOT DELIVERED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. SINCE THEN, FOUR MORE HAVE ARRIVED. HOWEVER, CONTRIBUTION THESE BOATS MIGHT HAVE MADE TO MOZAMBIKAN SHRIMP CATCHES APPEAR TO BE LIMITED. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM TWO SOURCES THAT BOATS ARE "A PILE OF JUNK." ACCORDING REPORTS TWO OF THE BOATS HAVE BEEN TOWED TO DURBAN FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, TWO MORE ARE INOPERABLE BECAUSE OF MAJOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENGINE PROBLEMS, THE FIFTH HAS SOME OTHER TYPE OF TROUBLE THAT HAS RENDERED IT INOPERABLE, AND SIXTH APPARENTLY IS IN SERVICE. GPRM IS REPORTED TO BE UNDERSTANDABLY UPSET, SINCE IT PAID A HEALTHY PRICE FOR THE BOATS. FINANCING OF PURCHASE IS MUDDLED, SINCE THAT PORTION OF CAPITAL OF LOCAL AREA FIRM SUPPLIED BY PORTUGUESE BANKS WAS NATIONALIZED BY GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL. IN FACT, CONFUSION IN FINANCING IS THOUGHT TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION AND DELIVERY OF BOATS. BANK OF MOZAMBIQUE IS NOW APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN THE FINANCING, BUT EXTENT OF THAT INVOLVEMENT IS UNKNOWN.

B. TO BEST EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, NO FOREIGN CAPITAL OTHER THAN PORTUGUESE IS PARTICIPATING IN MOZAMBIQUE SHRIMP INDUSTRY.

C. FORECAST OF 1976 SHRIMP CATCH IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT BECAUSE OF EXODUS OF PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN, CATCH IS LIKELY TO DECREASE FROM 1975.

D. GPRM DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE DR. ALMEIDA

MATOS TOLD EMBOFF THAT GPRM IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF U.S. OWNED SHRIMP TRAWLER. MATOS DID NOT SUPPLY OTHER DETAILS, BUT STATED THAT GPRM CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING MODIFICATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR TRAWLER TO OPERATE IN MOZAMBIQUE WATERS.

E. THESE MOZAMBIKAN COMPANIES EXPORT SHRIMP:

1. ARPEM-SOCIEDADE DOS ARMADORES DAS PESCAS DE MOCAMBIQUE, S.A.R.L., CAIXA POSTAL 272, BEIRA:
  2. EFRIPEL-ENTREPOSTO FRIGORIFICO DE PESCA DE MOCAMBIQUE, LDA., QUELIMANE:
  3. IMPESCAL-COMPANHIA INDUSTRIAL DE PESCA DE CAMARAO, 403 AV, PAIVA DE ANDRADE, MAPUTO.
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